

THE
REGULATOR;
OR, A
DISCOVERY
OF THE

Thieves, Thief-Takers, and Locks,
alias Receivers of Stolen Goods in
and about the City of London.

WITH THE
Thief-Takers' Proclamation.

ALSO

An Account of all the FLASH WORDS
now in Vogue amongst the Thieves; with
an Explanation of each Word.

With an exact List of the Convicts Names that was
Condemned in the Year 1717. that now lies in
Newgate to Plead to his Majesty's Transportation
Pardon.

By a Prisoner in NEWGATE.

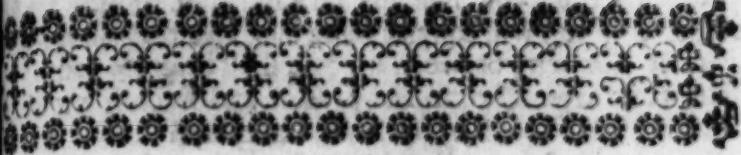
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The Regulator: Or, A Discovery of the Conduit of Thieves and Thief-Takers.



If these should hold their Peace, the Stones in the Street would cry out of such abominable Practices as are committed and carried on, in the City, and Places adjacent, by Thieves and Robbers, and such as have assumed to themselves the Title of *Thief-Takers*, &c. And there being several Matters of the greatest consequence to the Kingdom in general, and to the Citizens in particular, which are now pending. It is therefore hoped that effectual Care will be taken, to have the same strictly examined into, for that One *Thief-Taker* brought to Justice, is more for the Advantage of the City, than a hundred *Thieves*, &c. And in order thereto, shall here take notice of only One of the aforesaid felonious practices, taking it for granted, that all the rest are of the same Management; to wit, a Gentlewoman, as she was passing along in the Evening in a Coach, on the South Side of St. Paul's Church-Yard, was there, in the most audacious and barbarous manner, attack'd and robb'd to a considerable Value, by three of the most notorious Rogues *Will. Matthews*, *Christo. Matthews*, and *Obadiah Lemmon*, who agreed to make himself an Evidence that ever this Kingdom were plagued with. Which being discover'd, and sought after, in order to bring them to Justice for so doing; the *Thief-taker* hearing of the same, and fearing that he might, by this means, lose three of the most profitable Customers which belong'd to his felonious Shop, immediately summoned the three aforesaid Offenders to a friendly Conference, where it was unanimously agreed, that the only way to save them, at this critical Juncture, was for one of them to make himself an Evidence, &c. Well then, saith the *Thief-Taker*, in order to blind the Justice, and that he may take the Information, is to induce him to believe that we are doing something for the good of the Publick: Therefore, you must put into the Information, a numerous train of Offenders, which have been concern'd with you, either in

Robberies, or buying or receiving of your stolen Goods; at the same time you must be sure to promise him, the Justice, that you will convict them all; and that there may a perfect Harmony between us, you shall hear me your Cos T^r, your Friend, your *Thief-taker* and Factor, promise full, that I will apprehend, take, and bring them Justice for the same. But by the bye, I must give you the Caution, to have out the 60 Douzen of Handkerchifs that was taken on Mr. *Kidlay*, from a Dyer's Servant, who sent on a sham arror, for which Handkerchifs, I received 30 Guinies from the Owner; but gave *Oakley*, *Lemmon* and Mr. *oonson*, but 10 Guineas, that you do not put such as such Robberies into the Information, because I was employed by the Persons that you Robbed, to get them their Goods again; and they not bidding Money enough for the same, they were not returned to the right Owner, therefore you know such must be left out, otherwise I shall bring my own Neck into the Noose, and put it in the Power of every little Prig as well as others, to pull the Cord at their pleasure, and upon such Terms, who the Devil will be your Factor? And now let us see, what is the Consequence of this Skittish and Pelonious Information, but deceiving the Magistrate, and letting the three aforesaid notorious Offenders escape the Hand of Justice, and to give the *Thief-Taker* a Reward of Four-score Pounds, to hang up a couple of Shim Sham *Thieves* (*How Oakley*, and *Henry Chickly*.) Which he got little or nothing by, in the room thereof, and likewise to give the *Thief-Taker* an Opportunity to rob or extort a Sum of Money out of all the rest in the Information, by making up, an compounding the Felonies with them, which by a modest Computation cannot amount to less than a Hundred Pounds, or more, &c. Then is it not high time for the Citizens of *London*, and places adjacent, to bestir themselves, when, the greatest Offenders have found a way out, with the Assistance of their Friend the *Thief-Taker*, to escape the Hand of Justice: This will give them Incouragement, and make them desperate as well as frequent in their Robberies, and what the Citizens and others, must pay dearly for, if not timely prevented, by putting a stop to the same. In short, the *Thief*, the Gaol, the Justice, and the King's Evidence, all of them seem to be influenced and managed by him, and at this rate none will be brought to the Gallows, but such as he thinks fit, &c. Now if Enquiry were to be made, by what means he arrived to this pitch of ref'rement he now is at, you will find, that he hath been as great a Proficient in all Matters and Things that he hath hitherto engaged in.

1. Who when in a private Station, and followed the Trade of Buckle making, knew how to plate a Crown Piece as well as any that followed that Employment.

2. When he became an Evidence, did the Business Skittishly, and as effectually, as any of those he now sets up.

3. When he was a Twang, alias followed the Tail of his Wife (*Mary Miliner*) a common Night Walker, no sooner had she pick'd a Pocket, and given him the Signal, by a Hiss, or otherwise, but he had Impudence, and Courage enough, to attack the Cull, until the Buttock had made her Escape.

4. When King of the Gypsies, (*Jonathan Wild*) did execute the hidden and dark part of a Stroler, to all Intents and Purposes, until in *Holbourn*, by Order of the Justice, his Skittish and Baboonish Maj.fty was set in the Stocks for the same.

5. Now King amongst the Thieves, and Lying Master General of *England*, Captain General of the Army of Plunderers, and Embassador Extraordinary from the Prince of the Air, hath taken up his Residence, in an Appartement fitted up on purpose for him, in the Palace of the Q----n of H----ll where continual Attendance is given for receiving and buying of stolen Goods, as likewise to pay back, or help the right Owners to them again, provided they will offer Money enough for the same; But if not, then doth his Excellency fly off, and give you to understand, that the Goods he hath heard of, are not yours, and that he cannot assist you, and that you may be gone about your Business, for that he will take a Sum of Money of the Thief, or dispose of the Goods some other way; certainly such a Monster in Iniquity as this, is not to be found, much less suffered in any part of the habitable World, save only in this Kingdom, and in this Infatuated City, and Places, adjacent, those Places of general Corruption.

6. There being one thing more which he earnestly desires, and solicits to be employed in finding out, and setting up Evill nesses against the false Coiners, and then you need not doubt, but in a little time, you will have as many Coiners, as you have Thieves. O *London, London!* so much fam'd for thy good Order, by what means is it now come to pass, that thou art become a Receptacle for a Den of Thieves and Robbers, and all sorts of villianous Persons and Practices, &c. And here it cannot be taken amiss to examine a little into the Trade of punishing Wickedness and Vice, the same being become one of the most mysterious, profitable, and flourishing Trades now in the Kingdom. But here I must stop my Pen, draw the Curtain of Iniquity, and content my self to Examine, and that but a little neither, into the open, but unwarrantable and pernicious Practice of the Reguliter. And in order thereto, I shall here take a View of him in the publick Streets, which he so much boasteth of, and fain would perswade you that

that he doth so much good to the Publick, by stopping the Whores, and other Persons viciously inclined, and forcibly entering the Houses of Bawdry, and taking them out from thence, and committing them to Gaols, &c. And now I pray, what is the Consequence, of all this? Woful Experience plainly shews, that by the ill Acquaintance and Conversation they meet with there, they learn to be *Thieves*, and find the way to the *Thief-taker's* Houses, set up by them on purpose to harbour and train up one Brood of *Thieves* under another, and to screen and save them from the Gallows, to the end that they may live by the Reversion of them, &c. And now it is the general Complaint of the Taverns, the Coffee-Houses, the Shopkeepers and others, that many of their Customers are afraid when it is dark, to come to their Houses and Shops, for fear that their Hats and Wigs should be snatch'd from off their Heads, or their Swords taken from their Sides, or that they may be blinded, knock'd down, cut or stabbed; nay, the Coaches cannot secure them, but they are likewise assaulted cut and rob'd in the publick Streets, &c. By which means the Traffick of the City is greatly interrupted, and will be much more so, if a timely and effectual Care is not taken to prevent the same, &c. And how can you suppose it to be otherwise, when there are so many publick Offices, publick and private Houses, publick Inns, and publick Shops, set up on purpose to harbour *Thieves* and Robbers, and carry on the bas't Designs with them, to the just Reproach of this great and wealthy City, &c. And now let us see what are the Methods taken to suppress those disorderly Houses and Practices.

And here if I were to draw out, and shew you exactly the humours and actions in a Case, the *Goat* in *Long-Lane*, a House frequented by the *Thieves* and *Thief-Takers*, or, in their own Dialect, throughly Flash, I think I cannot represent it better to your View, than in the nature of a Wind-Mill. and supposing the Master of the House to answer to these four following Questions, with the greatest Truth.

Quest. Do you believe the *Flash Gaming-Houses* to be one principal Cause and Supporter of the wicked Transactions, contrived and carry'd on in your House.

Answ. Yes, Sir, for had it not been for the Bites and Sharpers that depriv'd innocent People that happen'd to come there, of their Money; and the other ill Company they met with there, that taught them the ways of Robbing and Thieving, they would never have found the way, or had any occasion to use my House: from thence, Sir, I receive a continual Supply.

Quest. Do you believe the House of Bawdry to be one principal Cause and Supporter of the wicked Transactions, contrived and carry'd on in your House?

Ans.

Answ. Yes, Sir, with the assistance of the Regulator, for if by a pernicious Practice, he had not taken the Whores and others from thence, and put them into the Work-House, where by ill Acquaintance and Conversation they learn'd to be Thieves, &c. Then by consequence they would have had no occasion to use my House: Sir, from thence I receive a continual Supply.

Quest. Do you believe the Receiver or Buyer of stolen Goods, to be one principal Cause and Supporter of the wicked Transactions, contriv'd and carry'd on in your House?

Answ. Yes, Sir, The Receiver constantly attends at my Houle every Day, and makes it his business to instruct and get Acquaintance with all the Thieves he can, for the more Goods he receives or buys of them, the more Money he gets by them; and the Thieves come here to meet the Receiver, because they cannot go on in their ill Practices without him; the Receiver, Sir, is a principal Supporter of my House.

Quest. Do you believe the Thief-Taker to be one principal Cause and Supporter of the wicked Transactions, contriv'd and carry'd on in your House?

Answ. Yes, certainly, Sir, for most of the ill Practices of the Women, which are far the greatest Criminals, are certainly owing to the Thief-Taker; for without him they could not carry on their wicked Designs, and by consequence it would not be worth their while to walk the Streets; as for all the Writings, Shop-Books, Pocket Books and other Goods, they would never steal them, if they had not a Factor to help them to Money for them. The Thief-Taker, Sir, is a great Encourager and Supporter of my House.

Quest. So then you say, That the two first are the chief Occasions, and the two last the chief Supporters of all the wicked Practices, contriv'd and carry'd on in your House?

Answ. Yes, Sir. They are the four Sails that belong to my Mill, Never a Barrel a better Herring: you see, Sir, the Sails go round, they follow each other, that in short, Sir, my Houle could not stand without them, my whole Dependance being altogether on them, it is these that bring Grist to the Mill.

Quest. But is not the Miller the Master of the Case Tho. Edwards a Thief, doth he not often receive or buy their stolen Goods, and wink at, and carry on the basest Designs with them?

Answ. Hold Master, stick a Pin there, no Man is oblig'd to accuse himself; besides, Sir, you did not desire me to answer any more than four Questions, which you see I have done with the greatest Truth. But, Sir, I will answer you civilly, I will take care, Sir, so to regulate my Matters, as to take a Toll of all that come within the Verge of my Houle.



B Y

His Skittish and Baboonish Majesty :

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PROCLAMATION.

THAT whereas, there are several, Locks Fences, and flash Pawn-Brokers, which are Dealers as well as my self in contraband, alias Stolen Goods, &c. And whereas, there hath been by my Order and special Contrivance, several Skittish and felonious Informations establish'd against them, &c. And whereas the aforesaid Rebels run rusty to my ungracious Will and Pleasure, and will not come down, nor suffer themselves any longer to be so frequently rob'd of their Money extorted from them; for that the aforesaid Rebels impudently and truly say, That I am as deep in the Dirt, as they are in the Mire; by compounding and making up of the aforesaid Felonies with them, &c. And altho' I dare not now take them up, and bring them to Justice for fear of my own precious and felonious Neck, &c. yet I would have them to know by these Presents; that unless they speedily comply with my gracieous Will and Pleasure and come down as aforesaid; that I will endeavour to frighten them by giving them to understand that I will print their Names and places of Abode, that all their Neighbours,

Neighbours, as well as others, may know them: and if this will not
 have the desir'd Effect on them they then may go on in their accours'd
 way, and be damn'd if they will, for I will have nothing farther to
 do with them, &c. Further more, my graceless Will and Pleasure is,
 that such of my Subjects and Servants, as have been misled and
 gone astray, thorough the Infligation of any of the aforesaid Offen-
 ses; by carrying of such contraband or stolen Goods to them, there
 to be lock'd or pawn'd, or sold as aforesaid. Be it known by these
 presents, that my Will and Pleasure is, That on sight hereof, they
 immediately repair to their Duty and Allegiance; and for the
 future, to bring such Goods to me at my Office, where they as well
 as others of my belov'd Subjects, shall have the greatest Encourage-
 ment and Protection, by Skreening them at all times, and upon all
 felonious occasions from Justice: and that they shall also find, that
 I will give more Money to pay them back to the right Owner, than
 you can lock, pawn or sell them for to those rebellious Receivers, &c.
 By instance, suppose you steal Goods to the value of twenty Pounds
 once Cost; if you carry them to those Rebels, you very well know
 that they will not give you above nine Pounds for them at the most,
 but if you bring them to my Office, where continual attendance
 is given for such as well as all other felonious Purposes; I will give
 ten Pounds for them, which will be a greater Encouragement
 to you, as well as Satisfaction to my self for that I can pay them
 out to the right Owner as aforesaid for sixteen Pounds at least.
 And now let us see how the Bear-Skin is divided, viz. You will
 have ten Pounds, and I shall have six Pounds, and the Cull alias
 the Fool, will have four Pounds, which will be an Encouragement
 to him and his Friend to come to my felonious Shop, so often as he
 will have occasion: and that this will also give you an Encourage-
 ment frequently to visit and rob him as often as you can, and if this
 be not doing the Business, the Devil is in it, &c. And for your fur-
 ther Encouragement, be it known unto you, That if I see you taken
 for any Crime, and carry'd before the Justice, I will not know you;
 if I see you commit a Robbery on the Highway, or if I see you in a
 Shop or Ware-house, in order to steal their Goods, or assault and
 break down Persons in the publick Street, or if I see you break open a
 House, I will not blow or disturb you, apprehend or take you. Nay,
 furthermore, If you should be taken in a Fact, which would certainly
 bring you for your Life, I will endeavour to stifie the Evidence ag-
 ainst you, &c. But if that cannot be done, I will yet take care so to
 manage the matter, as to set you up for an Evidence; whereby both
 you and your Fellows my truly and well beloved Subjects and Ser-
 vants, as well as my self, shall certainly escape the Gallows; in
 which, so long as you shall continue to serve me as aforesaid,
 you may depend on my Protection; from the most notorious
 Murderer, to the youngest Pick-Pocket about the Town.
 Given at our Court, within the Tents of Ungodliness, in
 direct way to Destruction, both of Soul and Body.

MR. Ken, How do you do, I desire you will do me the favour, to shew my Countryman the Humour or what is done within your House.

Answ. You know, Sir, I have been very ready at all times and upon all Occasions to do you any Service, provided there will not be any Prejudice to my self; Sir, if your Friend pleases to walk in, he is welcome. So pulling him by the Sleeve, cries, Come in Countryman, draws, a Chair, and says, Come, Sir, sit down by the Fire, I warrant it, I think my *Ken, alias House*, a strange sort of a Place.

The Countryman staring about him, answers, Place, where all my Heart! certainly, this can be no other than an Entrance into Hell, or the very Gate of it; what strange swearing, damning of their own and others Souls and Bodies, that hardly a Word proceeds from them without an Oath or Curse, what lascivious Discourse and Actions, what smoking, and pouring down of Spirits and other Liquors; some sleeping others staring as if their Eyes would drop out of their Heads. Indeed Mr. Miller, I was never in such a place before, neither did I believe any such would be suffered in any part of his Majesty's Dominions.

Countryman. What are those Three shabby Fellows, that are talking so seriously at that Table?

Miller. They are Three House-Breakers, that are here come out of the Whit (*alias Newgate*) they have lain in these Two Sessions, during which time, the Turn-Key has fleec'd them of all their Money, and the Fact not being proved against them, they are set at Liberty; and I suppose they are now contriving how, and where to go and get more.

Quest. What are those two dirty young Wenchers, and that fat lusty young Fellow, like a Sailor?

Answ. Truly, Countryman, they are a couple of Bunters catch'd in Company, with that Sailor by the Regulators, put into the Work-House, and by conversing there with some of my Customers, they have learn'd the way to my House, I suppose with intent to improve; as for the Buttocks, they will turn Files, *alias* Night-walking Pick-Pockets, and the Sailor, I suppose, will join with the House-Breakers, Foot-Pads.

Quest. What are all that heap of Boys at that Table, that are playing at Dice, Swearing, Cursing and grinning at each other like so many Hell-Cats; and that Man in the silver button'd Coat, and knotted Peruke, with a Sword by his Side, what does he amongst them?

Answ. Sir, those Boys are all Clouters, *alias* Pick-Pockets, and that Man in the silver button'd Coat, is their Thief-Taker to help them to Money for the Pocket-Books, Shop-Books, or Writings, and other Goods that they shall steal; and

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suppose he is now asking them, if they have any such for him at present, or putting them in mind, that he expects to be serv'd by them for the future.

Quest. What was it you call'd the Thief-Taker to that Fellow for, that is just come into your House ?

Answ. Why Countryman, to let you know, that Fellow has stolen Three Shop-Books, and left them at the Thief-Taker's House, and came here to tell him of the same ; upon which, Sir, the Thief-Taker hath given him Three Half-Crowns in Hand, and a Quartern of Brandy ; and tells him that he is an honest Lad, and will give him more when he hath paid them back (*alias return'd them to the right Owner*) and it is the Custom for the Thief to have one half of the Profit, and the Thief-Taker the other.

Quest. But how do the Thieves know what the Thief-Taker gets for the Books they steal, and whether they have their Shares or not ?

Answ. For that they take the Thief-Taker's Word ; and oftentimes I believe he doth not give them a tenth Part.

Quest. What is that old Fellow (Paul Groves, one of the Duzen Gang, that was executed 20 Years ago) that goes from one Company to another, they seem pleas'd with what he says to them ; I observe they make a Gathering and give him Money ; What, Has he had any Loss lately ?

Answ. No, Sir, he hath not had any Loss that I know of, unleis it be of every thing that is good. You must know, Sir, that he is an old worn-out Thief, that hath stood all Stories, and hath been Famous in his Time, but now he is a pushing Toute, *alias* Thieves Watchman, that lies scouting in and about the City to get and bring Intelligence to the Thieves, and where there is a Push, *alias* an accidental Crowd of People, that they may be there to pick Pockets, which is the Occasion of his coming at this time, and of their collecting Money for him ; it seems that his Grace the Arch-bishop of Tork is to preach a Charity Sermon on Sunday next, in the City.

Quest. What are those three young Lads, that have got new Cloaths on, I find they eat and drink well ; I see they have a couple of Fowls and a Bottle of Wine before them, and the Thief-Taker is now gone in to them, seems to lay something to their Charge, and swears he can prove it ; but the young Lads swear as fast as he, that they know nothing of the Matter, but they have promised to be civil to the Thief-Taker before they part, and have called for a fresh Bottle to make him drink ; Pray what is it they mean by being civil to the Thief-Taker ?

Answ. Those three young Lads, altho' they are young, yet they are Boman-Prigs, and are such as go on the Lay call'd the Dub, that enter a House, Shop or Ware-House, with a

Pick-lock-Key ; and having lately spoke, and that round too, (alias committed a Robery) in Money and Goods, the value of 120*l.* for which they have promis'd to be cl^t to the Thief-Taker ; that is, he will get a Sun. of Money of them, and something of the Receiver, and then the Master will be over, and at an end.

Quest. Are not those two young Women, that sit at yond Table, the two Bunters that you was telling me of, that were taken up by the Regulators, and sent to the Work-House ; I t^they are very neat and clean, and have tolerable good Cloaths their Backs ; and What is that Man that is in Company with them, I see they drink Geneva like Fishes ?

Ans. If you remember, Sir, I told you, That it was in Opinion they were inclinable to turn Files, (alias Pick-Pockets) which it seems has proved true ; for the Night before last they met with, and pick'd up a Merchant's Book Keeper, who went along with them to the Tavern, a while he was gratifying his vicious Inclinations, they pick'd his Pocket of Ten Guineas in Money, and of his Pocket Book, in which was an Exchequer Bill of 100*l.* that Man that is drinking with them is their Trapping Thief-Taker, and he hath it ; which, if ever the Cull gets out of the Hands again, he must pay dearly for it, for they know how to dispose of it.

Quest. What is that Man that Whisper'd to the Woman that sat smoking her Pipe by the Fire-side ; I see she bath call'd for Quatern of Brandy for him, Whieb they drink off, she seemeth to smile, and to be Well pleas'd, and they are now gone away together,

Ans. He is one that belongs to a Gaug of House-Breakers ! what, do you not know him again ! He is one of the three that sat at the Table in such a shabby and thoughtful manner as you was pleas'd to take Notice t'other Day : I understand that last Night they broke open a House, and brought away abundance of Goods of several sorts, which they have carried to that Woman's House ; and this Man that she's gone along with, came to fetch her Home to buy them.

Quest. What are those two Gentlemen in their long Perrys and Swords by their sides, and those three Gentlewomen with Foul below'd Scarves, I see they live well, they have got a Leg of Porc and Turnips, with Pease Pudding, and a Dish of roasted Fowls for their Dinner ; I observe they drink Wine and Brandy plentifully ; I find the Women smoke as well as the Men ; I fancy they are very good Customers, by reason they have the best Room and clean Linnen, and the most diligent Attendance of any in your House ?

Ans. Why, Countryman, Those are the Battalions or Street-Files, viz. Richard More, and John Fox, the former having been

been Condemn'd once, and the latter four times. *Blue Sue*, the Daughter of *Dancing Doll*, an old Thief turn'd Bunter, and old *Sue Belcher*, and her Mistress *Sarah Hull*, alias *Fox*, who has had three Husbands hang'd, and the fourth condemn'd four Times. I have the other Battalion in another Room, and they din'd here likewise; they had a Leg of Mutton boyld with a Dish of Turnips, and a Goose with a couple of wild Ducks for their Dinner, and now they are smoaking their Pipes, and washing it down with good Wine and Brandy; and then one Battalion goes to the *Royal Chapel*, and the other to the *Ambassadour's*; and as soon as Church is done, they will return hither again, and drink a Quatern of Brandy, and a Bottle or two of Wine a-piece, and then they will part, and not meet again until Tuesday Morning at Nine of the Clock, when one Company goes to *Salter's Hall*, and the other to *Pinner's Hall* Lectures, at which Places for the most part they greatly benefit; either by a Suit, alias *Gold-Watch*, or two or three Cloaks, alias *Gold Watch-Cases*; or by a Wedge Lobb, alias *Gold or Silver Snuff-Box*, or else by ready Money.

Quest. What is the meaning of the old Fellow's coming again in such haste, that he is all in a sweat, with his Hat under his Arm, whispering sometimes to all the Companies at each Table, as he goes along; at which I observe they all fling down their Pipes and Cards, and are in such a hurrey, that they will not stay to play their Games out: they are ready to run over, and push one another down, down, they are in such haste to get out; I hope there is no danger of the House falling?

Ans. No, Sir, there is no danger of the House falling, the reason why they are in such haste, is, old *Paul* has brought them News, that his Majesty is just going to the Parliament-Houle, which will occasion a Push, alias a great Concourse of People, and they go there to pick Pockets, they will soon be there, some in Coaches, others in Boats, and I question not, but amongst them, they may bring from thence in Money and Goods, to the value of several Hundreds of Pounds.

Quest. Hark! What is the meaning of all this Hollowing, what is the King coming this way? a Noise at the Door, saying, Stop Coachman, pulls down the Window, out comes a Man all over wet, with his Hat und Perring hanging over his Ears, and runs up Stairs; there is several hundreds of the Mobb hollowing after the Coach. Tis pity such Houses should be suffered, but that they were pulled down, or set on fire and burnt to the Ground, with all the Vermin that is in it?

Ans.

Ans. Why Countryman, this Man was Snicht, alias Napper, he went to pick a Gentleman's Pocket, and the Gentleman felt him, and deliver'd him to the Mob, to give him such Punishment as they should think fit; upon which they took him to the Horse-Pond, and made him Duck or Dive seven or eight times; then they took him to the Thames, and made him Duck twice more to wash himself, they then suffer'd him to take Coach, and did him the Honour to attend him hither, hollowing him all the way he came; so that you see, Countryman, if they will fish, sometimes they may catch a Frog.

Quest. Who are those two Motherly Women that are gone up Stairs, and what is that Woman one of them spoke to, as they passed by?

Ans. Those two Women are Shop-Listers, and I find this Afternoon lifted or stole a piece of Silk, to the value of 25*l.* and that Woman as they spoke to as they pass'd by, is a Lock, alias Receiver and Buyer of Stolen Goods, and they have brought it hither for her to buy it; for which piece of Silk she hath given them 12*l.*

Quest. What are those four Men that are Booted and Spur'd, with their Whips in their Hands; I observe that they sent their Horses away, I suppose Home?

Ans. Those four Men have been in several Countries to attend the Elections of Parliament Men, and have brought off in Money, Watches, and other Goods, to the value of 112*l.* to each Man's Share, which they have just now divided, and are come to my Case to spend some part of it.

Quest. What is that Gentleman, that is come in Booted and Spur'd, with his Whip in his Hand, (W. Ingram) I observe he hath sent away his Horse likewise?

Ans. That Man hath been the Circuit with the Judges, and has had the worst Success that ever poor Man had; for the Court was no sooner sat, but this poor Fellow-man (old Harry Arnold) unfortunately bit a Gentleman of his Gold-Watch, and was catch'd in the Fact, and the Watch taken upon him in Court; and he being known to be an old Practitioner, will certainly be cast and top'd, alias hang'd for the same. Countryman, I tell you what I say to you, That there is not a more honest and better File, alias Pick-Pocket ever went abroad, than he was; and I have heard his Fellow-men say, that he never sunk him of a Farthing, and they have gone together 30 Years on this Lay: Poor Harry, I shall greatly miss him, for he was a good Customer to me, by spending much of his Crop at my Case.

Quest. What are those five Women, that are sighing and crying as if they would break their hearts?

Ans. Sir, their Husbands, or Fellowmen lye Cast for their Lives, and are to be executed to Morrow; but hang them, let them alone, they will get others in their Room, in a Day or two.

Quest. Do you think the Regulator doth any Service to the City, by way of fishing the Whores, and other Persons viciously inclin'd?

Ans. Sir, the very same Service that a Fox doth, when he getteth into a Hen-Roost.

Quest. Do you believe the Thief-Taker doth any Service to the City, by his way of matting Thieves, and such as come to him for Assistance?

Ans. The same Service that a Hungry Woolf doth, when he getteth into a Fold of Sheep.

Quest. At whose Request was it, that between 40 and 50 Robberies were left out in the Skittish Information? Who was it, that receiv'd the Goods, and what is the Reason that they were not returned to the right Owner, and how comes it so pass that the Informant is so uneasy at the same?

Ans. The sham Information was by Obadiah Lemmon, but his great Robberies were left out, by reason he that assisted him in the said Information, bought most of the Wiggs he got, by cutting the Backs of Coaches. Sir, As to the latter part of the Question, should any of his Companions in Wickenednes impeach him, the said Informant, that he will be hanged for so doing; and as to the former part of the Question, I think it is plain to all that read it.

Quest. Do you not think but that it is possible to find a way out to suppress those numbers of disorderly Houses and Persons?

Ans. Sir it is my fixed Opinion, that if ever the same be done, your Friend the City Marshal will be the Man that doth it, for that he is intirely free from all their evil Practices; and I dare be bold to say, That if the Four Freedoms, which the City giveth to the Regulator and the Watchmen at the City Gates, were given to your Friend the said Marshal, for his Guard and Expences, &c. that neither I, nor any other Persons which keep such ill Houses as I do, or that carry on evil Designs with Thieves and Robbers, &c. should be suffer'd any longer in the City; no, nor in any Part of his Majesty's Dominions. Nay, I dare say further, that he knoweth how to weaken and divide us, so as that he should soon bring Thief and Receiver to that degree of Uneasiness that they will be glad to turn their Byas another way: to wit, to their honest Trades and Employments that they were formerly

formerly brought up to. And now let us see what are the Methods taken to Suppress those disorderly Practices.

1. The City Watches are defective, and many of the Watchmen are corrupted, and will not apprehend disorderly Persons, when they catch them in disorderly Practices, nor bring them before the Constable of the Night, because there is more got by coining at them.

2. Your Peace Officers are discouraged, and will not exert themselves in their Office, for fear that the aforesaid disorderly Persons should be encouraged, and put in a way to bring Actions against them for doing their Duty, which will be attended with Charge and Trouble to defend the same..

3. The Regulator maketh bad worse, by committing them to Goals, where they get acquainted with, and learn to be Thieves.

4. The Evening-Watches and the City-Gates, do no manner of Service to the City, and by consequence signify no more than a Chip in Pottage.

5. The *Thief-Taker* is a *Thief-Maker*, and hath likewise found out a way to pervert the good Intention of the Act of Parliament, which was design'd to break the Knots of Thieves and Robbers, by making them Evidences against each other ; and this he doth by stifling and setting up an Evidence of his own chusing, by which means the greatest Criminal, as well as himself, escape the Hand of Justice.

6. Your excellent City Precept, for want of Encouragement, is laid aside, and of no more use than waste Paper; in short, there is not any one Method yet put in Practice, to put a stop, much less to reform and suppress the Torrent of Debaucheries, which at this time, like a Flood-Gate, is pouring in upon you.

Quest. What are those three stout rugged Fellows that sit under Table ; I observe they have Pistolls in their Pockets, and are full of Money ; every now and then they pull out a Watch, and all three look on it and Whisper, and wink to each other in sort of Cant, which I find they all understand ?

Answ. Those three Fellows are Foot-Pads, and I suppose have been out all Night upon Business, and I fancy they have had Success, for they have order'd a Goose to be got ready for their Breakfast. Hark ! What is the meaning of this Noise and Clutter ? Which Words occasion all that are in the House to stand up, and seem to be in the utmost Confusion : In bolts a Constable, with a short Staff in one Hand, and a Warrant in the other, and five stout Men along with him ; staring and gazing round the Room, and making up immediately to the Three Foot-Pads to seize them, which occasions one of the Foot-Pads to fire a Pistol, which kill'd one of the Constables Assistance, upon which the Constable orders their Hands to be ty'd behind them, and to be all search'd and disarm'd ; taking from them the Arms they had about them, and the Watch and Money they robb'd for the Night before ; all the rest being struck with a pannick Fear, so sneaking out of the House as fast as they can ; upon which Mr. Miller addresses himself to Mr. Constable in very civil and obliging Terms ; thus, Pray, Mr. Constable, and the Gentlemen with you, let me intreat you to sit down and be easy ; Indeed, Mr. Constable, this Noise does me a great Diskindness, in blowing my House after this manner ; all the Street is now in an uproar ; I believe there is 500 People at my Door.

Constable. Blow your House, with a Witness ; your House ought with you, and all your Attendance, to be blown up together. I do not at all question, if all the rest that were here, were to be Examini'd, but that I should have found 'em on Proof, all Rogues and Whores, and to deserve the same Fate, those Men in a little time will have.

Miller. Pray Mr. Constable, don't be in such a Passion, pray sit down, and the rest of the Gentlemen with you : Here, bring a couple of Bottles of Wine.

Countryman. Here, pray, Mr. Miller, pray, for the Lord's Sake give me Change, that I may be gone, I shall be taken up for a Rogue, by being found in this ugly House.

Miller. Sir, you may be easy and sit quietly, you have done no ill, therefore no body will meddle with you or hurt you.

Countryman. Give me my Change, I say, for I am all in a Sweat, I would not stay in your House, an Hour longer, if you would give me 5*l*. It is true what the Constable said, that your House ought to be blown about your Ears ; for my part I

wonder it is fesser'd ; and I wish I had never come into it, & I do not believe it safe for any to do so. I profess I have ne seen any one, that looks like an honest Person, come in your House since I have been here, save Mr. Constable and his Assistants who came to take those Rogues.

Miller. Give him his Change, I shall be more plagu'd with this Fool, that I get nothing by, than with all the rest : What are you going away with them, Mr. Constable ? pray, Sir do not mention any thing to the Justice against my House, you should, Sir, I shall be indicted, which will be a great Charge and Trouble to me : Pray, Mr. Constable, I beg of you, that you will not, I shall be glad to drink a Bottle with you another time, good Sir,----so away they go with a Train of 500 People after them.

The names of the Flash Words now in Vogue amongst Thieves.

The Ramboe, alias, Whit, alias Newgate. The Spinning Ken, alias Bridewell. Old Nass, alias London-Bridewell. The Quod-Cull, alias Turnkey. Darbies, alias Irons. A Buz, alias Prigg, alias Thief. A Cove, alias Man. A Dubb, alias Tylt, alias Pick-Lock-Key. A Glim-stick, alias Dark-Lantern. A Bess, alias Betty. Pops, alias Pistolls. To slum the Ken, alias to break into the House. All's Boman, alias all is safe. The Dancers, alias the Stairs. To lope in, alias to go in. The Padd, alias Bed. The Glaise, alias Window. Dudds, alias Linnen. Mishes, alias Shirts. Stock-Drawes, alias Stockings. Stampers, alias Shoes. A Poll, alias Katsing, alias Wigg. A Shap, alias Hatt. A Eye, alias Neckcloath. Famstrings, alias Gloves. A Clank, alias Tankard. Feeders, alias Spoons. A Mause, alias Bunkes. To Bundle the Cull of the Ken, alias to tye the Man at the House Neck and Heels. To strike the Gygg, alias to unlock the Door. Weedle, alias Noise. To loap off, alias to get away. The Bagege Man, alias that is he that carries off the Booty. A Fence, alias or Lock, alias a Buyer of stolen Goods. Ridge, alias Gold. Wedge, alias Silver. Boosing-Ken, alias an Ale-House. The Cull is flash, alias that is he Associates himself with Thieves. A flash Ken, alias or a House where Thieves use. A Milken, alias a House breaker. A File-Cly, alias Pick-Pocket. A Bridle-Cull, alias a Highway Man. A Lift, alias Shop-Lifter. A Shop-steek, one that watches an opportunity to get into the Shop and steal the Goods. The Morning-Sneek, alias that is to walk about the Streets in a Morning betimes, and sping any body to go out of Doors, then immediately the Thief goes away. The Running-smabble, alias to run into a Shop or other place, and blow out the Candle, and snatch what they can away. The Foot-Scamperer, alias Foot-Pad. A Ratler, alias Coach. A Tumbler, alias Waggon. The Waggon-lay, alias to steal out of Waggons upon the Road. The Carting-Lay, alias to snatch things out of Coaches as they pass along the Streets. The Service-Lay, alias to hire one self for a Servant, and to rob the House. The Question-man, alias that is to knock at the Door, and ask for the Gentleman of the House, if a Bed you desire the Servant not to

Disturb him, but you will wait untill he rises, and then
 an opportunity to steal something. A Push, *alias* when
 there is abundance of People together. A Bulk or Gammon,
alias that is he that jostles up to a Man, whilst another picks
 his Pocket; and no sooner got his Booty, but tips it, *alias*
 gives it to his Bulk or Gammon. The Cull is leery, *alias*
 the Man is shy. The Cull comes down, *alias* the Man puts
 his Hand in his Pocket. The Cull gigs, *alias* the Man looks
 A Wipe, or Clout, *alias* Handkerchief. A Lobb, *alias*
 Snuff-Box. A Bit or Truff, *alias* Purse. A Reader, *alias*
 Pocket-Book. A Tale, *alias* Sword. A Chive, *alias* Knives.
 — A Phinney, *alias* Burial. An Atum, *alias* Church. The
 Tattler is up, *alias* the Moon shines. The Mount, *alias*
 London-Bridge. A Loge, *alias* Watch, A Scout-Cull, *alias*
 Watchman. A Harmon, *alias* Constable. Bound or hanged,
alias Taken. The Nubbing Cheat, *alias* Gallows. The
 Kid-Lay, *alias* that is to see a Porter going along
 Street with a Bundle, and another to ask him to go on
 Errand for him, and withall desires him to set down his
 Bundle, and whilst he is gone, the other runs away with
 to go upon the Top, *alias* that is for two Priggs to see a
 pair of Stairs Window open, and the one to get upon
 others Shoulders, and so go in. A Jacob, *alias* Ladder.
 Peter, *alias* Trunk. The Munge, *alias* the Dark. C
alias a House used by Thieves. Ken, *alias* House. Prawn,
alias Horse. Tale-Drawer, one that takes a Sword from
 Man's side. Wadge, *alias* Beaker, *alias* Silver-Tank.
 Quear-Cull, one that puts off bad Money. Jigger, *alias* D
 Topp'd, *alias* Scragg'd, *alias* Hang'd. Cruiser, *alias* Beg
 Shap, *alias* Hat. Togge, *alias* Coat. Rum Fain, *alias* G
 Ring. Boufer, *alias* Dog. Peter, *alias* Portmantua. L
alias Box. Tumbler, *alias* Cart. To shove the Tumb
alias to be whip'd at the Cart's-Arse. To lope up the
 stairs, *alias* to go up Stairs. Glim, *alias* Candle. Glim,
alias to be burnt in the Hand. Lappy-Cull, *alias* one
 is Drunk. An old Gager, *alias* a rich old Man.

An Account of the Flash-Cases.

THO. Edward alias Country Tom, at the Goat in Long-Lane his present Wife had one Husband Hang'd and him twice in Newgate.

Jenny Bunch, at the Ship in Stannup Street, her Husband once Condemn'd for a Sword, and she Burnt in the Cheek.

John Wheitherly, at the Feithers at Newtenhouse-Lane, once Condemn'd.

Henry Andrewson, at the Green-Man and Still, in Drury-Lane, keeps a Case, and all the Traders in general use his House, he is an Old Thief, and has been an Evidence, and hang'd one Tho. Beales for Housebreaking Thirteen Years ago; his Wife is an Old Shoplift and has been Condemn'd Several times; her former Husband Benj. Arnold was hang'd: she is reputed to be the most expert Shoplift now Living, and goes by the Name of Mary Arnold.

Martin's Brandy shop, at the Dog in Fleet-Street, near St. Brydes Ally, is used by the Traps Buttocks and Files, the Man himself goes on the Trap.

Andrew Wild, Brother to Jonothan Wild, keeps a Case at the Black-Boy in Newtenhouse-Lane, where his Wife Looks to a parsel of Young lads that goes on the Sneake, that is, to creep into a House in the Evening and taking what they can find; and when they have a good Booty, he, the said Andrew Wild tells them, That his Brother has bin their, and that they are describ'd by the Owner that they Rob'd, and that his Brother must have the paying them back, or his Wife must have them at a low Price, because they are to be return'd by him to his Brother.

Simon Pricbard, alias Brown, at the Golden Ball in Drury-Lane, that Marry'd his Wife out of the Whit where he was there on the Information of Edward Spenser for House-breaking, where most of the Milkins and night Files use.

Peter Ways, a Case for Traps, at the Dean's Head in St. Martins le Grand.

Trap, Is one that is employed by the Buttock and File, for when they have bit a Cull of his Pocket-Book, or Writing, they make it their Busines to find out where he lives, and when they have found out the poor Cull, they pretend they have taken a common Pick-Pocket, and can find nothing against her but his Pocket-Book, which they took from her, and he must Prosecute her: Now if the Cull be a Man of Reputation, or Married, they get what they can from him to compound the Felony, for fear of its coming to his Wife.

Daniel Ware is one of the Calè for the Resort of these Traps, in Hanging-Sword-Court in Fleet-street, the Queens-Head, where the Buttocks and Files uses.

A List of the Thieves that are now at Liberty, that are Jonathan Wild's Weekly Pensioners.

Christopher Matthews, William Matthews, two Brothers, and both been in Newgate several times; their Lay is the Kid-Lay, and Ratling-Lay.

John Filewood, once Condemn'd, and once burnt in the Hand. James Filewood, three times in Newgate. Thomas Filewood once in the Gate-House for picking a Pocket. William Filewood once for buying stolen Goods; they are all Brothers, the two latter are sham Thieves.

John Homes, Richard Berry, and John Smith, Clotters and Files: they are old Thieves, and have been in Newgate several Times.

William Ingram, an old Thief, was condemn'd 20 Years ago.

Richard Moore condemn'd with John Filewood 11 Years ago. William James, a Milken, he has been an Evidence, and hang'd four Men for House-breaking.

Edward Merrit, A Milken, he has been in Newgate several times, and is in Isaac Ragg's Information; but Jon. Wild has promis'd him that he will do him no harm, and is every Day in his Company.

In August last, Ob. Lemmon and Will. Matthews bit a Lob from a Ratler, alias took a Deal-Box from behind a Coach, and Mr. Wild payed back for it 17 Guineas: There was in the Box a Gold Watch and a Silk Gound; in the Sleeves of the Gown were put 60 Guineas, in the room of Leads, the Secret was not found out by Mr. Wild nor Lemmon, but the Gentlewoman had her Money again safe, with several things of great Value; but Mr. Wild was cursed mad that he should lose so good a Booty.

Feb. 22. James Filewood was committed to Newgate by the Name of Tho. Robertson, by Justice S----s, for the Kid-Lay; but Filewood being a great Favourite of Mr. Wild's, Wild went himself to the Justice and got his Discharge; but he gained Displeasure by it from one of the Turn-Keys, for the Turn-Key ought to have a feeling as well as Wild.

Ob. Lemmon and Fellowman bit a Porter of some Writings with a Quantity of Gold, on the Kid-Lay, and good Mr. Wild stood their Friend, else they must have been Scragg'd. The Porter was bit last Week of a Portmantua, near Temple Bar.

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A List of the Men and Women Convicts.

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THO. Homeby, Will. North, Richard Yeoman alias Newman, Will. Ashdon, Will. Coulson, Edward Hashom, Will. Raynam, Walgrave Freer, Will. Tittle, Will. Price, Thomas Wright, Will. Broadbent, John Young, John Plat, Francis Dodson, John Lawrence, Francis Steward, Richard Pardoe, John Thomas, John Williams alias Jones, John Barns, Will. Collins, John Fox, Tho. Love, James Horsby, Will. Hodges, John Carol, Robert Eunuch, Tho. Saunders, Will. Lane, John Marriot, John Callerway, John Wright, Tho. Hoskins alias Matthews, John Linn, George Haynes, Peter Merry, Joseph Smith, James Hayes, John Mounstieurs, Will. Aldridge, Henry Banister, George Marshal, Benjamin Smith, James Rochford, John Follard, Robert Roberts, Hugh Oakley, Richard Danly, John Wood, John Murth alias Mason, Tho. Lucas, Robert Barret, George Harris, John Clark alias Tho. Hall, Henry Johnson.

W O M E N.

SARAH Cook, Elizabeth Higs, Patience Kite, Martha Nichols, Mary Smith, Ann Hutchins, Sarah Parks, Mary Connyers, Mary Willoughby, Sarah Jones alias Ann Dunn, Mary Hall, Sarah Coats, Ann West, Mary Hunt, Joanna Wood, Ann Harrup, Elizabeth Summer, Abigail Newstead alias Newstaff, Mary Adsey, Mary Betts.

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Figure 2: Miss my Name's Company

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